

FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2008

The meeting was held on December 18, 2008. Those present were: Dana Escott, Richard Woods, Nick Novich, Troy Martin, Norman Jensen and Ken Walsh.

Minutes from November 20, 2008, were read and approved.

The bills were presented.

Correspondence: Numerous letters in support of the flat track presented to Board.

3RAC: Sheila called and couldn't make meeting. Dana asked about youth rodeo and she'll talk to Becky, but that is their thoughts to have youth rodeo the week before fair. We need to do lots of advertising because of the change.

Campground: It is finished except for the big rocks and seeding it. The big lights weren't in yet. Three lights were put up instead of two for more lighting.

Bylaws: The bylaws have been signed by the commissioners and recorded at the courthouse and a copy sent to the fair office for the files.

Release: Everything still looks ok, except Richard made motion to lower deposit to \$300 per event instead of \$500. Nick seconded, passed.

Motorcycle Track: Full Throttle Flat Track Association presented the contract between them and the board for review and approval. The Board reviewed the contract and the only addition was to add "Any improvements which become attached to Madison County Fairgrounds shall be considered Madison County Property." Troy asked for any discussion. Ken Walsh stated that he wasn't against motorcycles, but thinks the track should be at a different location. He had concern about bikes running on the track on Fri and Sat morning. Norm said no one was allowed on the track until just before racing starts for a practice at approximately 2-3 pm. Ken asked about barricades on track and the fencing to keep people out. Norm said that they would fence the track with no climb wire, with barbed wire on the top, with locked gates. Nick advised that he knew there would be lots of apprehension when something new comes to town, but the Board has addressed all these issues and once the races start, he doesn't feel the noise is going to be an issue any different than other events going on at the fairgrounds. He couldn't find anything negative about the track that would hurt Riverside Park. The people coming to the races are family oriented. Ken still advised that he was adamantly opposed to location of track. Troy mentioned that if the track was some place different, then the fairgrounds would not get the benefits of the gate money or camping fees. Richard advised that things change and the fairgrounds has to diversify and try something new. Where this isn't going to cost the county tax payers anything, the Board can't go wrong. The Board asked Dana to make changes to contract. Richard made a motion to send the revised contract to the Commissioners' and county attorney for final approval, Nick seconded it, approved. The Board wants to be put on the Commissioner's December 30, 2008, agenda for approval of track.

Green Truck: Dana advised the Board that the old green ford is costing a lot of money every year to try and keep it running and it never stays running. She asked if we could trade it to the road crew for the fuel we owe that went through the tractor last summer. Shane wants the flatbed off the truck. Nick made motion to trade truck to road crew, Richard seconded it, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next fair board meeting will be, January 15, 2009 at 7 pm at the Fair Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Escott